

GARRETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT – June 2013
Month in Review

Board of Education

The Board reviewed the funding for the Southern Middle School Renovation Project and a request from the BOE to retain FY13 funds that are over the \$500,000 limit. Consistent with the Carryover Policy of December 2008, Mr. Pagenhardt will request more specific information on where the funds would be directed.

Department of Financial Services

1. The Board presented the FY 14 Operating and Capital Budget and all applicable tax rates. Each Commissioner made comments on the budgetary review and approval process.
2. The Board approved real property tax abatement – exemption of charitable property for Catholic Charities – Backbone Housing, Inc. and Accident Community Housing Corporation.
3. The Board approved real property tax abatements for the following properties owned by the Board of Governors of GC Memorial Hospital:
 - a) Lot 61-69 Pythian Avenue
 - b) 15.94 acres w/s Pythian Avenue
 - c) Lots 70-80 Pythian Avenue
 - d) 307 North Fourth Street
 - e) s/s Francis Sanders Drive W
 - f) 222 North Fourth Street
4. The Board approved real property tax abatement for the following properties owned by GC Community Action Committee, Inc.:
 - a) Overlook Early Childhood Education Center
 - b) Grantsville Senior Center
 - c) Lot. 112 Liberty Street
 - d) Liberty Street Center
 - e) Former M&T Bank Building
 - f) Transit Maintenance Facility

Department of Planning & Land Development

1. Building Permit Summary Year-to-Date
2. Update on County Floodplain Management FEMA Map
3. Update of wind turbine project applications that are pending at this time
4. Review of request for reimbursement for Harbor Community Association under the Shoreline Stabilization Incentive Policy. This project does not meet the eligibility criteria of the Policy and the Board denied reimbursement.
5. The Board approved and executed a Resolution adopting the following road names to be included in the GC Road Name Index:
 - a) Cherry Creek Point Drive
 - b) Business Park Drive
 - c) Blue Moon Rising Way
 - d) Bedingfield West Drive
 - e) Bedingfield East Drive
 - f) John Kellam Court
 - g) Dale Harvey Lane
6. Presentation on FY14 Program Open Space Project requests. Nine sponsors submitted requests for funding in the amount of \$363,348 with \$164,984 available for approval of apportionment. The Board presented allocations for approval which can be viewed in the Planning & Land Development Office.
7. The Board approved US 219 North (Chestnut Ridge Rd) and US 219 Relocated (Oakland Bypass) is to remain the County's top 2 Capital Project Priorities for the State of MD Consolidated Transportation 2014 Plan. The intersection of MD 135 and Sand Flat Road was added to the list of priorities as a safety enhancement. Oakland Drive, MD 826 A from Southern High School to Deer Park Avenue, Sidewalk Streetscape Project; MD 495 and New Germany Road Intersection; US 219 Resurfacing from Omar Street to Lowes Home Store Entrance; and MD 546 Bridge over I-68 Deck Replacement will carryover from 2013 to 2014.

Purchasing Department

1. Recommendation of Bid Award – Filters. The Board approved an award to Taz Automotive for a total of \$26,098.06.
2. Recommendation of Bid Award – Crushed Stone Aggregates. The Board approved an award to Keystone Lime Company, Inc., Maryland Minerals, Inc., and George's Creek Stone & Gravel, Inc.
3. Recommendation of Bid Award – Culvert Pipe. The Board approved an award to Chemung Supply Company.
4. Recommendation of Bid Award – Hauling of Refuse and/or Recycled Materials. Prior to the vote, comments were offered by Perry's Solid Waste Disposal, Sunrise Sanitation Services, Inc., and Purchasing Department staff. The recommendation on this date was to reject all bids. The Board did not accept this recommendation. Based on the review of this matter earlier with staff

and the County Attorney, the Board approved an award for Section A Part 1 of the Bid – Refuse Hauling to Perry's Solid Waste Disposal and directed the Purchasing Department to Rebid Section A Part 2, B and C of the Bid – Recycling.

5. Recommendation of Bid Award – Uniform and Mat Rental Service. The Board approved an award to Unifirst Corporation.
6. The Purchasing Department presented a request for proposal recommendation for Bond Counsel Services. The Board approved an award to Funk & Bolton P.A. for an initial contract period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 with the possibility of 4 additional 1 year extensions based on the fees provided and with the mutual consent of both parties.

Roads Department

1. Update on winter operations
2. Project work scheduled for the summer of 2013
3. Recognition of County Roads Bridge Crew for their work at the Adventure Sports Center International
4. Notice from MD Department of the Environment that enforcement by State inspectors focus on County roads where culvert replacement and maintenance was undertaken.

Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County

1. Status of electronic resources and download services at all branches
2. Grant funds have been secured
3. Cost share and combined purchasing with other jurisdictions
4. Status of expansion and renovation of Friendsville Library Branch

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Robert Corley presented a Resolution and Commitment on the MD's Firearm Safety Act of 2013 to the Board. The Sheriff prepared a statement outlining his justification for requesting said official action by the Board that requests support by the Board for Sheriff Corley in the exercise of his sound discretion. Sheriff Corley explicitly asked that the Board:

- Support the law abiding, gun owning citizens of GC
- Support Sheriff Corley and County law enforcement officers in their discretionary enforcement of the Firearm Safety Act of 2013. Such enforcement will greatly reduce the likelihood of criminalizing law abiding citizens.
- Adopt a similar resolution that protects the Second Amendment Rights of the citizens of Garrett County.

Commissioner Crawford and Chairman Gatto voiced their support for Sheriff Corley and what he presented on this date. Commissioner Raley was not in favor. The Board will take under advisement and consideration the execution of a Resolution that would officially demonstrate the "Board of Garrett County Commissioners support for Sheriff Corley's Second Amendment Commitment Regarding Maryland Firearms Safety Act of 2013 to Citizens of GC Maryland".

Miscellaneous

1. The Board executed a Proclamation designating June 14, 2013 as "Flag Day".
2. The Board appointed Stephen Putnam to the GC Health Planning Council.
3. Edgar Uphold, Supervisor, Department of Facilities and Maintenance briefed the Board on the GC Energy Conservation Project.
4. Richard MacLennan, President, Garrett College met with the Board to present a modification to the GC Scholarship Agreement. SB 740 – College Readiness and Completion Act of 2013. This legislation shifts the tuition responsibility for high school students taking college classes (dual enrollment) to the public school district and potentially to non-free and reduced meal student families. The Board agreed to recommended modifications to the Scholarship Agreement.
5. Commissioner Raley noted that the Gran Fondo event is Saturday June 22 and he encouraged the public to be patient and supportive of the event that supports the Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation.